



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Land Use & Environmental Services Agency

Code Enforcement

Q&A Consistency Meeting Agenda for Plumbing, May 2018

1. **Question:** Do modular classrooms need a covered walk way to restrooms within 200 feet?

Answer: No, Section 403.9.2 requires a covered walkway if the facilities are in an adjacent building, but Section 403.9.5.4 gives a specific requirement for modular classroom buildings and does not have the same requirement for a covered walkway.

403.9.5.4 Modular classroom buildings. Toilet rooms may be omitted in a modular classroom building when facilities of sufficient capacity for the additional occupants are provided in an adjacent building and located within 200 feet (61 m) of horizontal travel distance from the modular classroom.

2. **Question:** For a watercloset, is the 15-inch side clearance measured from the curb of the shower, down low, or the glass of the shower?

Answer: The measurement would need to be taken from the curb. The glass is usually not present at the rough-in.

3. **Question:** If a fill in wall at the end of a tub is beside a watercloset and the wall does not go past the tank, is that an issue with the required side clearance for the watercloset?

Answer: If the fill in wall does not go past the tank, it does not apply to the side clearance of the watercloset.

4. **Question:** Does the required sump alarm, audio and visual, need to be in the building or can it be outside, but still observable to the building occupants?

Answer: The alarm can be outside, but needs to be observable to the building occupants. Any where around the perimeter of the building should be acceptable. The intent is the occupants can see and hear it as they enter or exit the building. If the sump is remote from the building and not observable, that could be an issue.



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5. **Question:** Are cleanouts in a drive way, required to be rated for traffic?

Answer: Yes, the code requires the box, access cover, or cleanout to be rated when subjected to vehicular traffic. We would consider the entire driveway, except within 40 inches of a wall or planter, to be subject to vehicular traffic.